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Budget rally sparks controversy

By RONIT Le MON
News Editor

Under a partly cloudy sky yesterday morning, the Associated Students' Union held a protest rally to inform and agitate the Los Angeles Community College student body about the fee hikes and budget cuts that will take place next fiscal year.

Jesse Hernandez, ASU president, opened the rally at 10:30 a.m. by introducing Ben Padua, vice president of ASU to a crowd of people gathered in Monarch Square. Padua's foremost concern was to propel those listening to take a stand for their right to receive an affordable education.

"How do you feel?" he asked the crowd. "Well, don't feel good today. The $1.3 million in cuts will be cutting our classes. It will be forcing us to pay $30 a unit. Hey, we're not all millionaires here."

Padua continued, "We're sitting ducks here. We have to send a message that we won't take it, that we won't tolerate the fee hikes. We have to unite. We have to make our legislators feel our presence."

Part of making Sacramento feel the presence of LAVC were the postcards that were circulated in the crowd as Padua spoke. The postcards, addressed to various representatives at the state and local level, declared that the signatory was opposed to the increase in fees.

Padua and the ASU are planning a trip to Sacramento next month to personally deliver these postcards and to lobby representatives. Padua stated, "We can't do it alone. We need to have your help. All student leaders can do is lead the way. United, we can become a force."

Bonnie Anderson, coordinator for the recall Pete Wilson Bite 'em Back Campaign then stepped up to the microphone. Wearing her recall Pete Wilson tee shirt, she began her speech with a reference to the Governor and his beliefs about students.

"Governor Wilson said that the people don't really care. We proved him right because we were too apathetic to get up and change it," said Anderson.

"There are very few activists in this world. We have to unite. There is power in numbers," said Anderson.

At this point, Anderson tried to get the attention of the audience by posing questions.

"If you want to go to a four-year, like UCLA and you don't have a 4.0 or a scholarship, how are you going to afford it? Even if they get the budget together, they won't lower your fees. Doesn't this get you mad?" asked Anderson.

"Education is a right, not a privilege," she said. "This is supposed to be paid for by public taxes. I'm not talking about a free ride. We just have to keep on fighting for our rights."

George Heath, of the campus Christian Fellowship introduced another topic to the forum. He spoke about Wilson's Resolution A that intends to cut 19.2 percent of monies paid to the aged, blind and disabled.

"They want to cut 19.2 percent this year. They cut 5 percent last year. That's a quarter of their income. This group is the least able to withstand the cuts. And also the least able to makeup for the cuts," said Heath.

Heath went on to quote from the *Book of Matthew* in the *New Testament*. He paraphrased a section which stated that one should treat others as one would treat God. "It is morally wrong," to make these cuts, Heath said.

When Hernandez took the podium back and finally gave the students present his views and beliefs on the budget situation. His first statement was to burn the Wilson budget proposal. Moving on from there, Hernandez stated that, "The Student Union is saying no to fee hikes, no to budget cuts."

He went on to say that, "Basically, the fee increase is a tax on students. If you take it on your knees, you will be a slave to them all your life. The student organization of the state is asking the governor to look at the half-cent sales tax and to earmark it to education. $420 million would go to community colleges."

Hernandez asked those present to take the time to sign the postcards discussed earlier. He vowed to personally deliver them in Sacramento.

"It's up to you to keep the legislators accountable. I can only say so much for you. They say that we don't even vote. They said that they don't even care if you call. They think you don't know enough...Education provides for our future. It you don't care, it's okay. They will always need some low level workers to do the jobs they don't want to do," he said.

To further get the audience to contemplate the goals of a society that would raise fees and potentially take a bright future away from those who need it, Hernandez commented that the state spends more on funding its jails than education.

"Why do they spend more on prisons than on schools? It's our system that puts them there."

Hernandez urged students to get involved and write personal letters to their representatives. The table staffed by the ASU next to the podium supplied the addresses to interested students. He also stated that anyone could call the ASU phone at 780-8720 to get information, or to just come in and talk.

"It's up to you," he said.

Jack Sterk, head of the academic senate, aired his views next. Sterk spoke in a calm and thoughtful manner, not raising his voice or shouting through the microphone. He even received some feedback and questions from the crowd.

"There is no disagreement between Democrats and Republicans in Sacramento. The state is broke. The argument [for the cuts] is that those of you that get an education will earn more money. So, the argument goes, why shouldn't you contribute more to that education? When you look at it like this, the agreement changes," said Sterk.

Sterk continued, "$1.3 million is six percent of Valley's budget. Salaries make up 93 percent of our budget. We tried to make cuts without damage. Honestly, there was no way without class cuts."

Sterk also urged students to get involved and write or go to Sacramento to lobby legislators. Stating that the legislators have heard from him, he said that "In Sacramento they say, 'The people that we haven't heard from are the students.' You're all voters. You're a potent force. You need to mobilize."

He went on to say that he was aware that raising fees may begin a vicious cycle that would drop enrollment and, thus, more fee raises. "That's why this really effects you. We have to mobilize in a reasoned and logical manner because the dollar you're asking for has to be taken from somebody else."

Sterk agreed with the solution of imposing the half-cent sales tax as a revenue generator for the school system.

Comissioner of Public Relations for ASU Don Graham Jr. stated, "If it wasn't for this place, I'd be flipping burgers at Burger King. In my opinion, the governor's mansion is closed, the lights are on and nobody home. So we're going to concentrate on the legislature. We have to go up there with the energy of the '60s and the information of the '90s."

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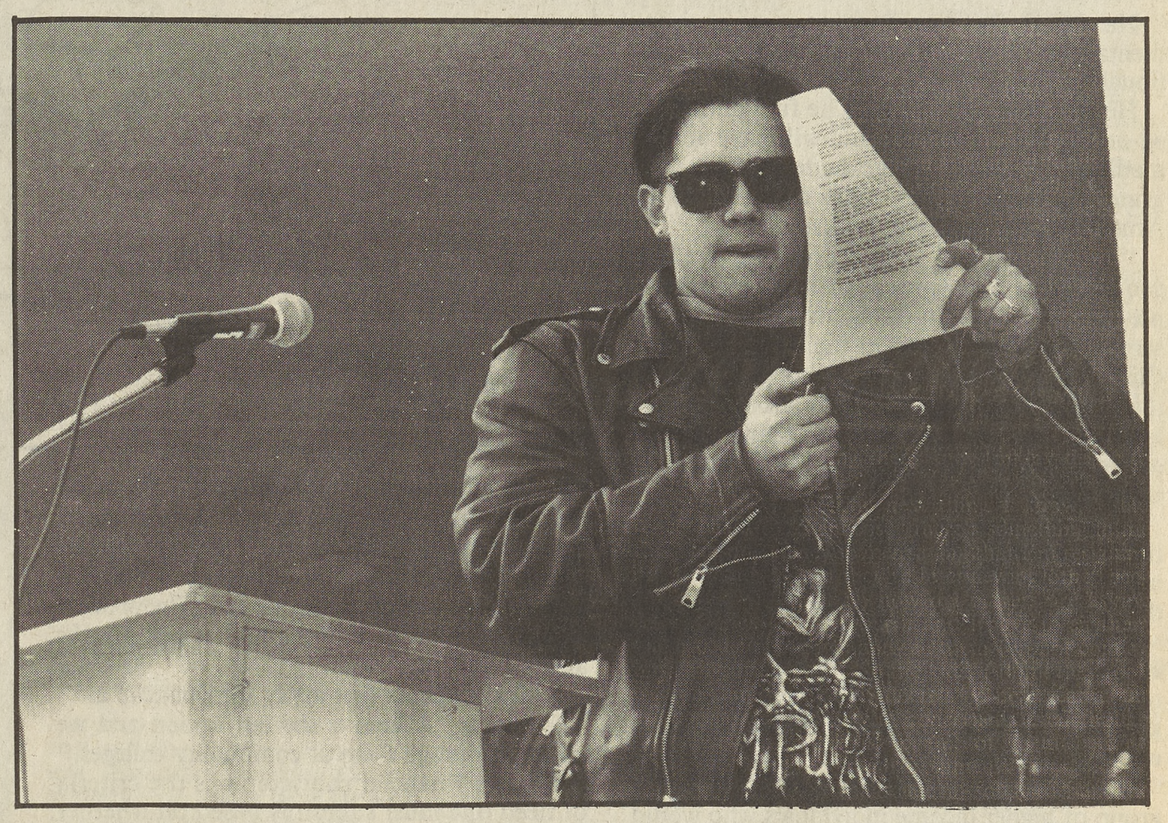

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ASU President Jesse Hernandez stands at the podium in Monarch Square during the budget rally and sets fire to Governor Wilson's budget proposal that calls for fee hikes. He urged the student body to mobilize.

AIDS dance makes history

By GREG NIELSEN
Staff Writer

History was made Friday night, Feb. 19, at Monarch Hall.

For the first time ever, a benefit event was sponsored by an Associated Student Union under the auspices of the state community college system, and that event was none other than the AIDS Dance-A-Thon.

Dance-A-Thon organizer Tracy Hart said planning everything took almost a year. "(ASU President) Jesse Hernandez, (former treasurer) Rene Chavez and I starting talking last March about having an AIDS dance-a-thon and by May we got the ball rolling."

Seeing that the community college system is a non-profit organization, Hart said he had to follow a myriad of rules and regulations. "I couldn't even tell you the number of people I've called and sent letters to," said Hart.

For all the planning and campaining he did, however, Hart said the process went very well. "I just went through normal channels starting here at Valley and ending with the Chancellor of Community Colleges in Sacramento."

With the green light given to the proposal, Hart set out to organize the Dance-A-Thon. First on the agenda was securing an insurance bond to cover the function.

"For a long time community colleges couldn't hold dances because of a lawsuit filed against LAVC over an incident at one," said Hart.

"Fortunately," Hart continued, "that happened over 10 years ago so it was easy to buy the insurance now."

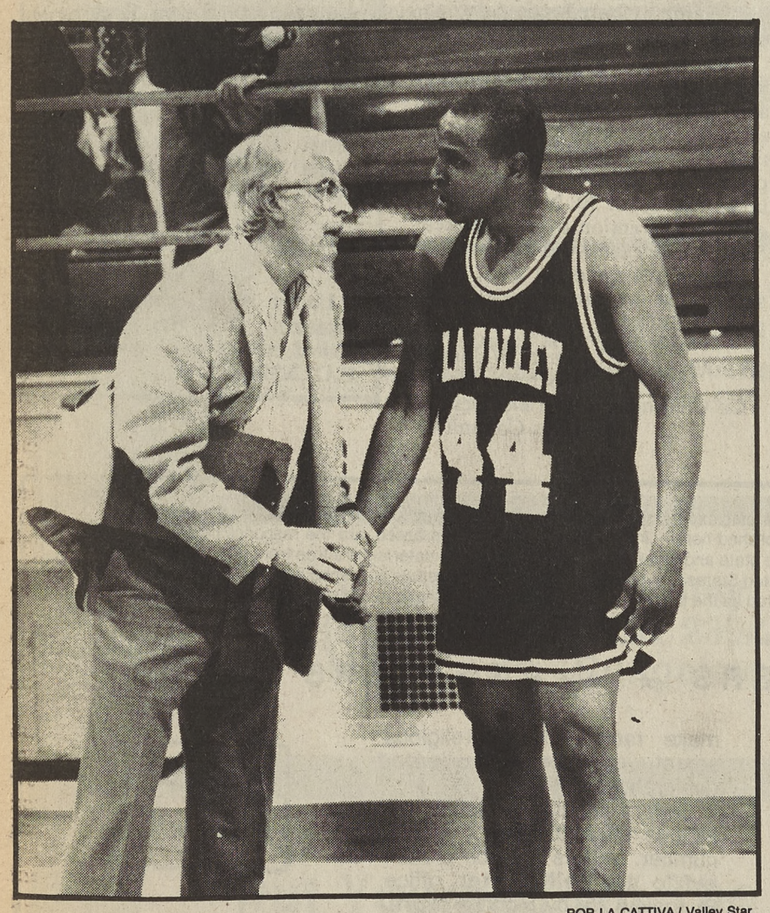
Hart hopes the Dance-A-Thon will become an annual event. The funds raised will go to a variety of charities including the Minority AIDS Project in Los Angeles, ONE in Long Beach and Homestead Hospice and Shelter in Los Angeles.

Although the bad weather kept a lot of people from venturing out, those in attendance were having a great time. A fog machine and light show lent to the atmosphere as people danced to a succession of familiar tunes.

Even front door volunteer Rayvone Douthard found it hard to stand still when one of his favorite songs started playing. Plenty of hot hors-d'oeuvres were set out to provide fuel for the party crowd.

Hart said on Wednesday, Feb. 24, all campus organizations held what he termed the Budget Rally which raised additional funds for AIDS charities. "Cuddly Condom Couriers," teddy bears sporting a miniature knapsack containing a condom, were available for $5 all day long.

Men's Monarchs limp to end as Stephens retires



BOB LA CATTIVA / Valley Star

(L to R) Jim Stephens has a word with Brian Jackson during one of this season's games against Glendale. Such impromptu conferences were a common occurrence for Stephens and his players.

By ADAM CROCKER
Staff Writer

"I need a change, and the school needs a change," said Men's Basketball Coach Jim Stephens.

"I've had a hard time recruiting because of my style. Players didn't want to come around. But I think that one of the best qualities I have, coaching-wise, is to be able to get everything out of the players that I had. We didn't always have the best players, but we did have the best team a lot of times," said Stephens.

After numerous players left the team during the course of the season, the Monarchs suited up eight players for the final game on Feb. 20 against Glendale.

As Stephens' last season limped to an uncharacteristic end, he reflected on his 31 years of coaching.

"I have a lot of good memories," Stephens said, "Probably the thing I'm going to miss more than anything about coaching is being around the young kids. I enjoy that."

"[Coaching] was always something I wanted to do. My dad always worked with us and I had a lot of respect for the people in my life besides my dad, especially the coaches that I had in high school and community college," said Stephens.

A skilled player, Stephens stood out at St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach until an injury cut his senior season in half. Unable to obtain a scholarship, Stephens found himself forced to attend Compton Junior College, where he excelled in the guard position.

Stephens was named conference MVP for two consecutive years and ultimately received All-American honors.

After finishing at Compton, Stephens got married and went to work in a steel mill for two years before going to Cal State Los Angeles to finish his bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in education.

Stephens landed his first coaching job at the high school level right away. Thirteen years of coaching at this level brought Stephens a great deal of success.

Winning 251 games against 100 losses, Stephens took two teams to the CIF Semi-Finals and in his final year as a high school coach he reached the finals, where his Marina team was beaten by Palos Verdes.

In 1975, Stephens moved to the junior college ranks. His first position was as men's coach at LAVC.

From 1975 until 1981, Stephens led the Monarchs to a cumulative record of 130 wins and 87 losses. In 1982, he moved to Pierce College for two seasons.

After chalking up a 46-16 mark at Pierce, Stephens returned to LAVC to lead the Lady Monarchs. In three seasons, he coached the women to 65 wins and 23 losses and two conference championships. He began the winning tradition which marks the women's program to this day.

Stephens was then asked to take over the men's program once again, and he brought his success with him. In the last five years, two of his teams won the conference championship and, until this season, LAVC was represented at the state tournament every year.

LAVC Athletic Director Chuck Ferrero saw Stephens as an excellent coach. "When he was on the floor, nobody coached harder than Jim. Nobody made better game decisions than he did. He's been a student of the game," Ferrero said.

Possibly, the generation gap had finally caught up with Stephens. As the season wore on, methods he used with so much success in the past seemed to backfire on him.

"I scream and holler. I have a big bark, but I don't have any bite at all. That's my style. That's my way."

He continued, "I tried to get them to understand that. I realize the shortcomings that I have, and I tried to fit into the system. Now, I can't do that. So they're probably correct. I've been a real successful coach. The first time I ever had a losing season was this year."

Stephens' inability to communicate with the players manifested itself primarily in the area of discipline, but many outside factors dictated the dynamics of the coach's relationship with this year's team.

"The thing that hurt this team more than anything else was that I had to resign early," said Stephens. "I wasn't forced to resign early. I did the administration a favor by letting them know of my desire to retire."

"The next thing I know," said Stephens, "there's something in the newspaper saying that I'm resigning and they're interviewing other people. So now my players are asking me about it and I have to sit them down and tell them I'm not coming back. So the kids, I think they took me out. There's no next year as far as they're concerned, even though there is for all of them because they're all freshmen."

"That made my job harder and the players' jobs harder," said Stephens. "I'm not blaming anybody. I just wish I could do that over. It's been beneficial to the new person, he's been recruiting, but it destroyed this team and this season."

Ferrero understood the difficulties that had developed, but tried to keep the bigger picture in view.

"If he's thinking about the program," said Ferrero, "there's no other way he could have done it."

Because of a poor recruiting year, the team was thin on talent, which forced Stephens to modify his rules for the team.

"He worked just as hard this year, but the recruiting didn't come as well, and we didn't have as many players to draw from," said Assistant Coach Joe Jackson.

"I will say there were some bend-but-don't-break rules and maybe a couple of things he's done that he

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EDITORIAL

Clinton gives education a chance

The possible economic future of this country was unveiled before a joint session of Congress and in front of millions of television viewers by President Clinton. He stressed sacrifices which needed to be made and taxes which needed to be raised.

He called for spending cuts, an environmental clean-up, the creation of jobs and a national health plan.

He repeated a plan which he first announced on the campaign trail and will have an immediate impact on college students. This program will make college loans available to all Americans through national service.

"In this national service program, we will provide more than twice as many slots for people before they go to college to be in national service than ever served in the Peace Corps," Clinton said. "In the future, historians who got their education through the national service loan will look back on you and thank you for giving America a new lease on life, if you meet this challenge."

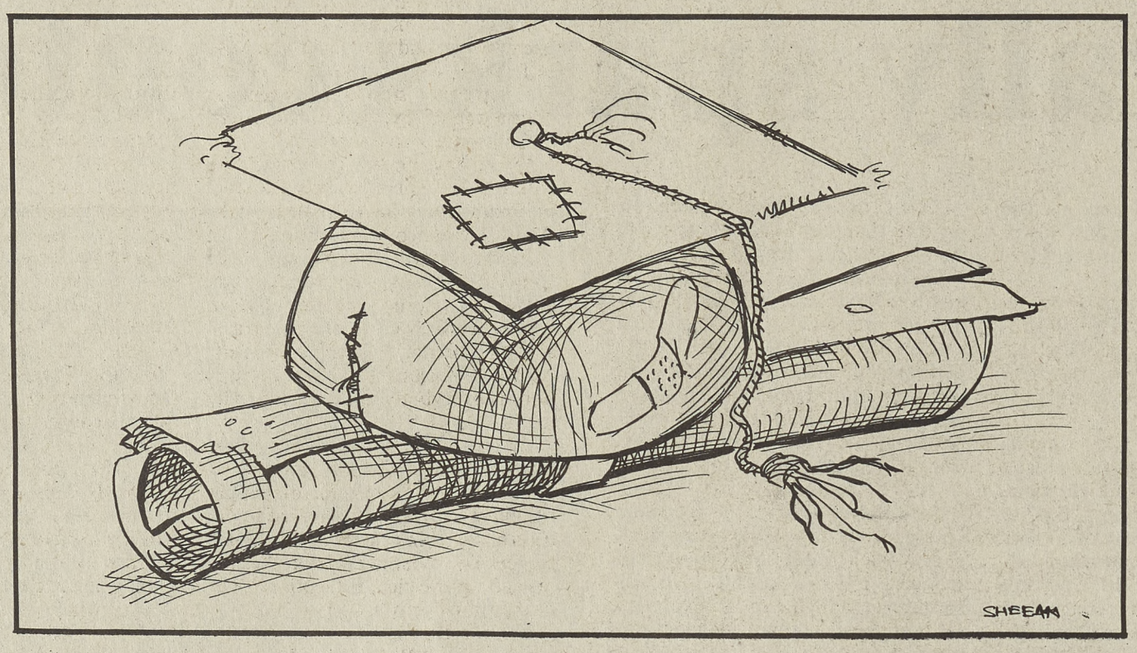
At a time when a college education is essential to successfully enter and thrive in the market place, this piece of the President's address tolled louder than the rest of his message.

If enacted the President's plan will ensure all hardworking Americans the chance to attend college, serve their country and earn a standard of living that would be unobtainable without a college degree.

The plan would influx this country with a group of higher income individuals who would inevitably widen the tax base. This would support this country's economy and help reduce the deficit rather than hinder it because of a continuing drain on welfare programs.

Clinton's program has been introduced just as this state's governor continues to hike the cost of college tuition, forcing many people to give up their dreams of becoming a doctor, lawyer, teacher or even President of the United States. Not everyone can afford $30 a unit and those who do not qualify for loans, grants and scholarships will be excluded from higher paying jobs that require a diploma.

Loans are the last option for students who have been turned down for grants and financial aid according to Jeremy Villar, financial assistant in charge of loans at Los Angeles Valley College. To qualify for a Staffer (known formerly as the Guaranteed Student Loan) loan, one must show need. The process takes two to four months and is not always automatic Villar said.



"Most students first apply for financial aid" Villar said. "A loan is the last option and we don't encourage them at community colleges."

Besides financial shortcomings the criteria of need one must submit is based on whether or not the applicant is dependent on his or her parents, whether he or she was an orphan, a veteran or if he or she has children. If these limiting qualifications are met, than a maximum of $2,625 can be acquired at LAVC according to Villar.

After receiving a degree, a student is left on his own to find a job and begin repaying the borrowed money. But a high paying job is not guaranteed by submitting a diploma to the interviewer.

An indebted student, who has already proven he has financial difficulty by receiving a loan, has nothing to fall back on if employment can not be found. Clinton's plan would have people serving the country as a repayment. The current system gives the applicant 90 days after graduation to look for a job and then begin sending monthly repayment installments.

If the loan is not paid back, it can lead to many penalties, Richard Austin, a financial aid assistant at LAVC said

It will appear on their TRW report," he said. "If the loan has not been repaid after an extended period, academic transcripts will be withheld."

Thus, the current plan for loans is not extended to everyone, there is not any help in finding a job after graduation to help repay it and it features penalties that would have any recipient wishing they had never applied in the first place. A change needs to be made and Clinton's plan will make the change that will guarantee everyone an opportunity for higher education.

Students at LAVC are supportive of the plan but are skeptical it can pass through Congress with Clinton's other economic programs.

"It's a great idea," Business major Bob Steinbrenner said. "It gives you another way to pay it back. I'm afraid it's gonna get stuck (in Congress)."

His guarded optimism was concurred by theater major Carrie Corder.

"Yeah that's [Clinton's plan] great if it actually comes to pass," she said. "It's probably not going to happen. I've had a lot of problems with college loans and I don't see anything improving the situation."

Engineering major Scott Bostrom liked the idea but said something will prevent it from becoming law.

"It's definitely beneficial," he said. "But, special interest involvements will block its passage."

Clinton's economic package for the future of this country will meet fierce resistance from lawmakers who do not want to make the changes neccessary to keep this country from plunging further into debt.

This part of the President's package seems to be the easiest to eliminate as part of a compromise between the Democrats and Republicans. But, as far as college students and those planning to attend college are concerned it would be a tragedy.

Such a compromise would jeopardize our future. The escalating cost of higher education would further seperate the middle class from the wealthy. Our college educated representatives will grow further out of touch with their constituents and will pass laws which could eliminate the middle class and our basic freedoms for our own good.

"Politics is the only occupation I know where ignorance is an opportunity to advance," Abraham Lincoln once said. "In fact, sometimes it is encouraged."

We support President Clinton's plan to make college loans available to all Americans through national service. But, our support will not make it a law. The congressmen and the senators of this nation must include it in the final budget and it has to pass both houses.

The only people who care about college students are college students. You must write your congressman and senators and explain your position on President Clinton's plan. This is an opportunity to ensure your future and the next generation's future.

Letters to the Editor

Painful error

Dear Editor:

I am writing to bring to your attention a "GFE," gross factual error, in the misspelling of the name Ryan White, a teenager who recently died from AIDS related complications; and was mentioned in the 2-11-93 Star issue. In the story "AIDS dance-a-thon planned," it was mentioned in the final paragraph that a vigil would be held for Ryan Knight, who died of AIDS.

This is a great insult to Mr. Ryan White, who became a folk hero for children infected with AIDS. Mr. White appeared in magazines, newspapers, and television shows across the nation before his death. Elton John dedicated a song to Mr. White. And, even greater, was the passage of the Ryan White Care Act in 1990 by the U.S. Congress which allocated federal funds for cities hardest hit by the AIDS crisis, with other funds for additional educational purposes as well.

It is commendable that LAVC wishes to promote an event which will bring both money and awareness to the issues of AIDS. But please, be more careful and attentive to your editing and fact-checking. I'm sure Ryan White's family and friends would appreciate that too.

Kathleen Crouch
A.A. Journalism LAVC '87

Eat, drink and be fat LAVC style?

Dear Editor:

I see in your February 11 issue, that the Valley College cafeteria is beginning an "all you can eat" meal service for $6. Now that is one of the most ridiculous things I have ever heard.

With plenty of good restaurants nearby where financially strapped students can have a decent meal for $3, who is going to want this service? Besides, the college should not be encouraging students to overeat. We already drink too much, smoke too much and do not exercise enough as it is.

Seriously though, I think any attempt by the college to run an on campus business such as the cafeteria and the bookstore is a waste of time and resources that could be spent on improving the quality of the academic life here at Valley.

Many other colleges have leased their eating facilities to franchises who know how to run a business, such as we have done with our student health center.

This is no slight on the cafeteria or bookstore workers— they do a great job and would probably enjoy working for people who understand their work.

Let the bookstore and cafeteria go to whomever is capable of runing them to be of the utmost of service to students while making a lot of money for the campus. By the way, I'm no raving anti-government Republican. I'm a progressive Democrat who voted for Bill Clinton and believes in the private-public partnerships he talks about.

McDonalds (or whichever "politically correct" for a college campus) doesn't run McColleges. Valley College should not make burgers.

Michael Higby
Theater/Cinema Major

Students get active in state politics

Dear Editor:

In response to Andrew Samuelson's article on Professor (Roger) Graham's election to the State Central Committee of the California Democratic Party, I would like to point out that he was not the only person from Valley College elected to the Central Committee.

In the past elections several students were elected also. In the 38th Assembly District, ASU Treasurer David Patton, was elected along with fellow Valley College student Victoria Jaswic. Also in the 40th Assembly District, Colette Roundsavall and myself, were elected.

ASU Commissioner of Public Relations, Don Graham Jr., was elected as an alternate delegate in the 40th District.

Since last November's election the youth of this state have shown we will be no longer apathetic. Since the election we have become very active in state politics.

All over the state a youth movement has appeared with the election and appointments of youth delegates to the Central Committee. At the previous convention only four percent of all the delegates were under the age of 30. Now at the upcoming convention over 13 percent of all the delegates will be under 30.

This is just a modest gain, but it shows that we are moving in the right direction.

Stuart Waldman
German Major
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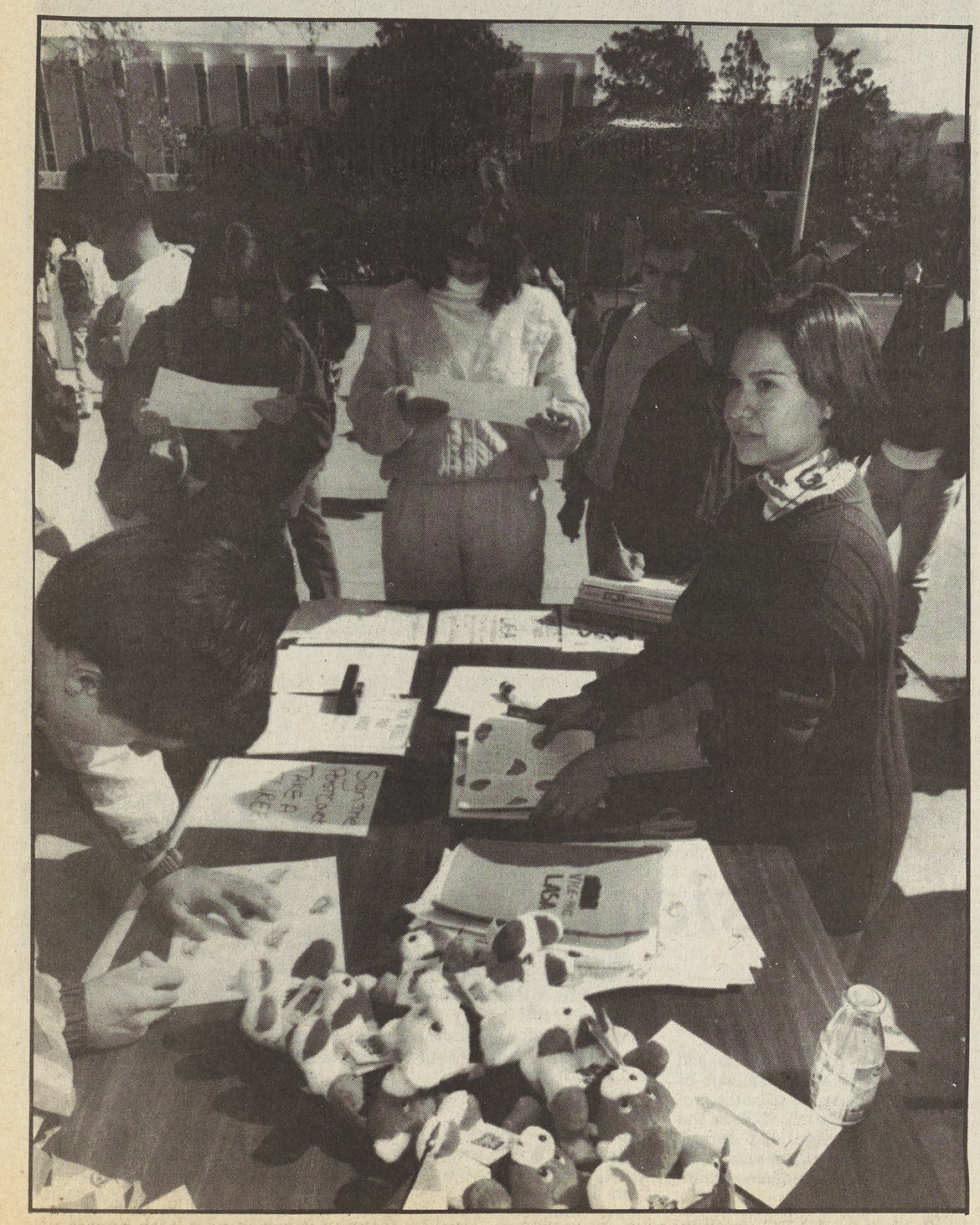

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ASU member Melby Muriga oversees the collection of postcards signed by students during the rally on Wednesday. Postcards will be delivered to Sacramento by ASU members during a trip scheduled for March.

RALLY

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"When you tell your parents, when you tell your friends, when you tell your employers [about the fee increases], that's the power you have. Sometime next month we're going to Sacramento, and we're going to raise hell. We'll vote them out of office. We have to stop the systematic destruction of the educational system in California," said Graham.

"You have to get involved," he continued, "There is always a level of apathy you have to deal with. And it stems from ignorance."

In the crowd, the message that something must be done was definitely being heard. Sylvia Aguila, a third year sociology major at LAVC stated, "I don't agree with the fee increases. I just signed a petition. If everybody put in their input, it will change."

"I think it's terrible," said Dolores Gillyard, an undeclared major at LAVC. "A lot of people will have to drop out. And we're the future. I think that we should picket. The older generation doesn't care about the kids. Education is the foundation for our society."

Yvonne Rodriguez, a psychology major, said, "We are caught in the middle. People need to be informed. We need options. Some of us are too poor to pay our fees and not poor enough to get financial aid. It's a big question if the kids will come here with the raise in fees. Before, you could come to school when you wanted to. Now you have to think about what you can do."

Stanley McKee, a liberal arts major, stated, "For years the fees have been low, and now we're paying for it. I get financial aid, so I'm just going to pass it on to the government. You're just going to have to find a way to pay for your education. I hope the mobilization does something. I'm going to go to CC102 and see what I can do."

Fabiola Torres, from the MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Azatlan) stood up to the microphone and said, "All we have are kids right now who want a future. If Wilson could come down to the barrio in Pacoima and see what we have to offer...we have nothing to offer them. They want us to stay in the barrios. They want us to stay where we are. We have no future. Hermanos y hermanas, we've got to get together."

Torres continued, "If you look at the demographics in LA, we're the majority and they're messing us up. Education is the only way out."

The rally ended with students from the audience stepping up to the stage and exhorting their peers to take a stand and to get into action.

They all stressed the point that the budget cuts will effect everyone. To get involved, the students said, is the only way to protect student's rights.

The rally was video taped by the broadcasting department for a ten-minute film that will be sent to Sacramento to help lobby legislators. It will possibly air on the public access cable of United Artist's cable. "We're trying to go beyond this area," and reach more people, said Scott Jackson, film major.

"Towards the end of the rally, a lot of people wanted to do something right away," continued Hernandez. "So we dialed Roberti's and Wilson's offices and let the students speak to the aids. They took their names and messages. Today we got 2,000 signatures on the cards. We're lucky that we have such an active campus."

Health Services change hours

By DEREK ANEY
Staff Writer

Student Health Services Center staff and Los Angeles Valley College Associated Student Union members were among those present at a meeting on Monday, where it was determined that changing the hours of the new Student Health Services Center would better serve the students at LAVC.

The meeting was attended by Veronika Quezada, a medical assistant at the center, who answered questions on the operation and effectiveness of the facility so far.

"The most popular hours are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. we usually only have one or two patients," Quezada said.

As a result, it was determined that the center would be more effective if a split hours program is adopted. The hours of Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 9p.m., as well as Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be recommended to Mary Spangler, who is the Dean of Student Services.

According to Health Services Advisor K.G. Mahoney, Spangler must then address the College Council, who may authorize the change in hours. The change must also be confirmed with Parthenia Medical Group, who is the provider for the health center.

"Our daily number of patients was about 12 a day in the first few weeks, but it has increased and we are now averaging about 21 students per day," Quezada said.

Treatments have included sutures and sore throats, as well as counseling and testing for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The center has also recently received 2000 condoms that will be distributed in conjunction with the pregnancy and STD counseling, Quezada said.

Recycling needs students

By STEVEN KOSOY
Staff Writer

The campus' current recycling programs must be improved upon, Associated Students Union Commissioner of Environmental Concerns Paul Wisham said Tuesday.

Wisham had planned to start a new committee to improve the recycling that is done at Los Angeles Valley College when he discovered that such a committee already existed.

Although the committee has not met at all this semester, Operations Service Manager Charles Long who heads the committee said that there will be another meeting soon. Wisham said that he will be the student representative for that meeting.

Long stressed the importance of student involvement in any recycling programs. "The programs won't work without students," he said.

Currently, the school's recycling program includes white paper, cardboard, computer paper and green waste, Long said.

Long said the school purchased its own chipper and makes its own mulch which it puts back into the campus. This cuts down greatly on trash pick up, he said.

Long said that before they started doing this, the gardening made up over half of the school's waste material. Trash was picked up twice a week and the school paid $50,000 a year for trash pick up.

Now trash is picked up once a week and the cost for the year is $25,000, Long said.

Wisham said that he wants to concentrate on increasing aluminum recycling, as well as increasing student involvement.

Although there are recycling bins on campus for aluminum, many students are unfamiliar with them, he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Art Show: The LAVC Gallery is hosting an art show featuring the work of David Starrett. The show will run until Mar. 4. Gallery hours are Monday thru Thursday 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. For information call (818) 781-1200 ext. 400.

Science Lectures: The Earth Science Department is holding a spring lecture series in celebration of its 39th semester. The series runs on Tuesdays on Mar. 9, Mar. 23, Apr. 13, Apr. 20, and May 11. They will be held at noon in the Math Science building in 113.

Student Workshops: Ramiro Rosillo, a counselor from the counseling department, will be presenting workshops on campus. They will be held on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon in Bungalow 14. The dates and topics for the workshops are: Feb. 20, "Effective Learning Techniques," Feb. 27, "Time Management," March 6, "Communication Skills," March 13, "Career Awareness," and March 20, "How to Study." All students are welcome and the classes are free.

Astronomy Club: The Astronomy Club is hosting a public planetarium show entitled "Spring Skies" on Friday Feb. 26. Tickets are $3.50 for adults, $2.50 for senior citizens and ASU members and $2 for children 8-16 years old. The show starts at 8 p.m. Viewing through the telescope will be available before and after the show.

Theatre Arts: The theatre arts department will present a one-act play entitled *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea* on friday Feb. 26 and Saturday Feb. 27.

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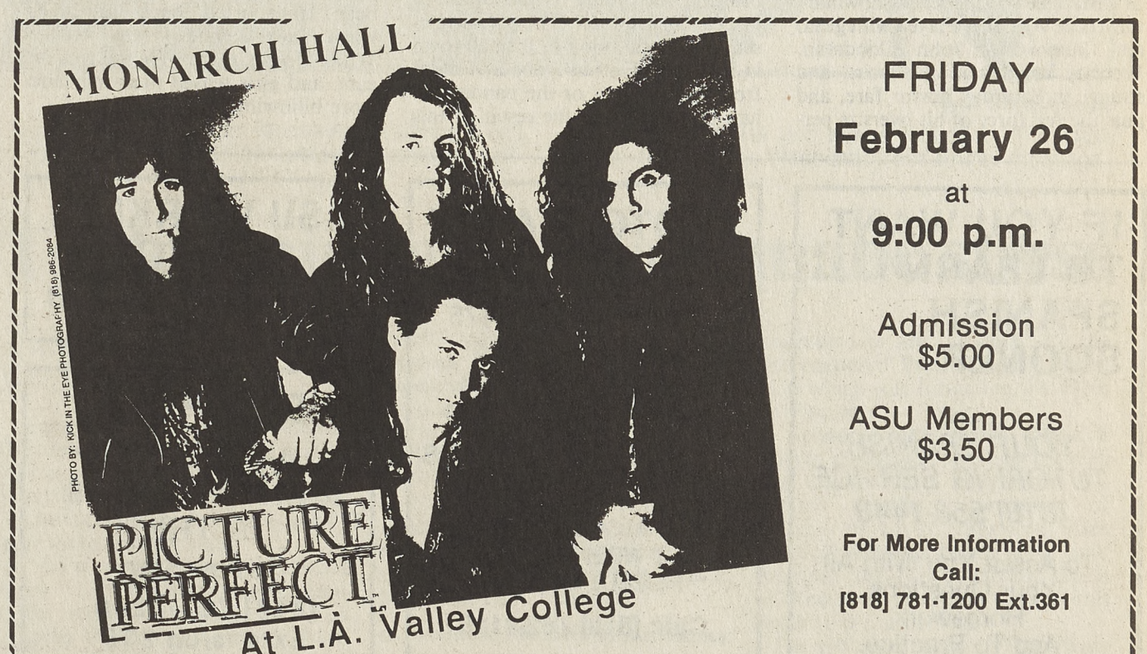

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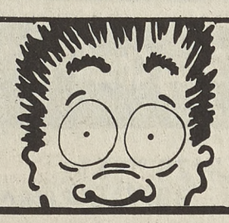

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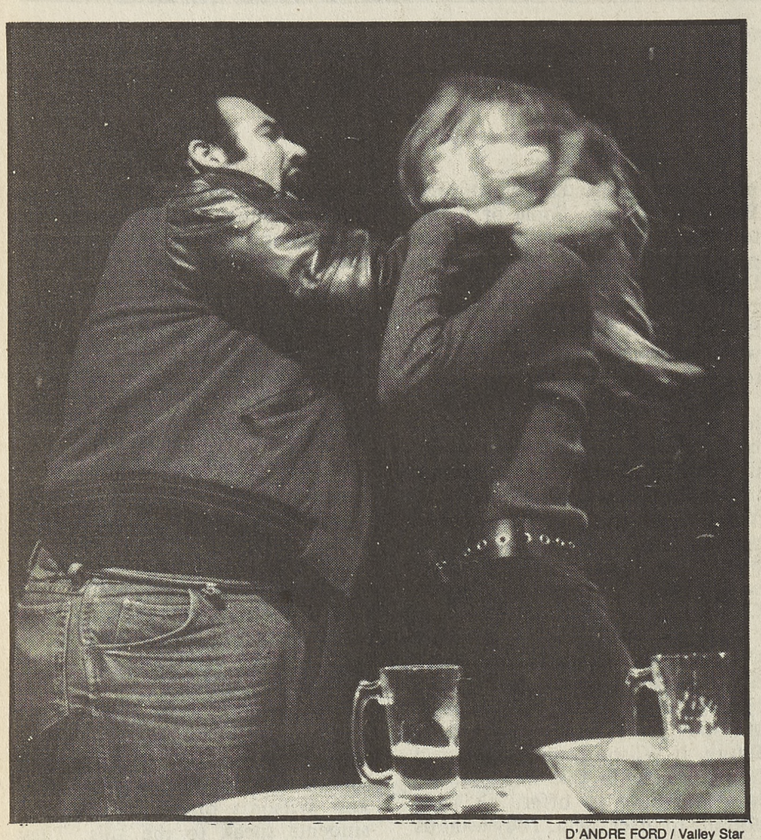

D'ANDRE FORD / Valley Star

(l to r) Danny (Richard Goteri) and Roberta (Sunshine Bainbridge) don't quite get along, but are soon to be lovers.

Danny and the Deep Blue Sea explores love

By MARION JIMENEZ
Staff Writer

Sean Patrick Rielly makes his directorial debut Friday with "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea," an all-student production.

This one-act play is about two violent and inarticulate people who meet in a bar in the Bronx and yearn to communicate and find love.

John Patrick Shanley wrote the play and he describes it as a story about "letting go of the past to make way for the future. It's a dark comedy, abusively romantic. It's something like an Apache war dance."

Richard Goteri plays Danny, who expresses himself mostly with his hands, usually when someone looks at him the wrong way. An unhappy childhood has scarred his life until he meets Roberta, played by Sunshine Bainbridge.

Roberta is a part-time mother who also has painful memories.The one that stands out the most haunts her so much she cannot sleep at night until she meets Danny.

Goteri is intimidating one moment, moving the next. He explores his character's explosive personality well.

Bainbridge is also striking, especially in confrontations with Goteri. She gives Roberta's intenseness just enough softness.

As they open up to each other, they realize all the things they have in common. The plot is inviting from the start, but all the morbid details must remain a secret.

The play opens Friday with a 1 p.m. matinee and another performance at 8 p.m., at the Shoebox Theatre. The final performance is 8 p.m. Saturday night. All shows are free.

Song contest offers cash to heal L.A.

A songwriting contest, "Help Heal L.A. Through Music," is being sponsored by Musicians Institute [MI] in Hollywood. The contest is open to all songwriters and awards will total $30,000 in cash, scholarships and musical equipment.

A panel of industry professionals, record company executives and celebrity songwriters will serve on the judging board. Winners will be considered for possible recording contracts with major companies.

Judges will be looking for material that is "uplifting and inspires a sense of unification amongst people," according to MI owner Pat Hicks. "Much of what we've seen and heard since the riots has been negative.

Through this contest we hope to be instrumental in aligning peoples' focus on peace and harmony, while raising funds for rebuilding L.A.," he said.

Money raised will benefit "Beyond Shelter," an organization that assists homeless families and provides other services aimed at self-sufficiency.

First prize is $1,000 in cash, a full year tuition at MI, a keyboard, set of drums, a guitar, amplifier, and a wireless microphone. Second prize is six months tuition at MI plus guitar and amp. Third prize is three months tuition and equipment.

Anyone interested is invited to attend and submit songs during the preliminary listening night March 18, from 7 to 11 p.m. at MI.

Dealine for submission is April 26, 1993. The entry fee is $15 for the first song and $5 for additional songs. Compositions must be original and submitted on cassette tape with typewritten lyrics. The official contest theme is: to motivate peace and harmony.

Send entries to "Help Heal L.A. Through Music," 1655 McCadden Place, Hollywood, CA. 90028. For more information, telephone [213] 462-1384.

D.L. HILDEBRAND / Valley Star

(l to r) Sienna Sawyer, Joseph Quinn, and Shayna Douglas sing "Easy Street" for "Our Regards to Broadway III"

Review

Chorus cooks up a musical feast

By ROBERT MAIZE
Entertainment Editor

Take equal parts of music and lyrics and blend with a sprinkle of dancing and dialogue; spice the program with a healthy mix of classic and contemporary songs; add garnish with period costumes and simple sets. Serve it up with two dozen enthusiastic voices and what do you have? A recipe for a very entertaining concert of Broadway show music.

Under the guidance of chef George Attarian, the Los Angeles Valley College Music Department presented a delectable feast of vocal music to a melody hungry audience with "Our Regards to Broadway III," last Sunday in the Recital Hall.

This presentation shows that there is more on the menu than just singing for theatre-music students. There were two dance routines and several dramatic scenes to go along with the main dish of singing.

By using a narrator to give a brief synopsis of each plot and incorporating little *hors-d'oeuvres* of dialogue, listeners were able to sample a portion of each show and taste the setting for the individual songs.

The first course began with a rousing gospel-type piece from "Pippin," which featured most of the combined chorus in short solos and a spirited dance.

Karen Demeke's compelling and heartfelt rendition of "Summertime" from George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," reminds us why a song becomes a classic: even 55 years after its premier, the music is fresh, beautiful, poignant and touching-a nearly perfect blend of Black-American spiritual with European opera.

The first half ended with two selections from Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun." Joyce Laufer, in leather fringe jacket and cowboy hat, was perfect with her twangy accent and gutsy portrayal of Annie Oakley lamenting about finding a husband in "You Can't Get a Man With a Gun." The whole group came back on for "There's No Business Like Show Business," then marched out of the room singing "let's get on with the show."

A nearly complete scene from the recently revived "Guys and Dolls" opened the second half of the concert. Duchess Dale and Carmen Recker played two young women also trying to find husbands in "Marry the Man Today." Here the audience could partake of some of the wit and sophistication of classic American Broadway theatre.

"I hate him. I hate him," she says. "I still hate him. That's love."

The two women urge each other to marry the man now and reform him later. "I keep thinking about how wonderful he'd be if only he were different."

The low point in the show came when some perfectly fine voices with flawless execution were wasted on the insipid, bland music of Andrew Lloyd Weber and Steven Sondheim. British-born Weber's music is like English food: white bread, boiled vegetables and warm beer. Sondheim's "By the Sea" and "Johanna" prove again that he has no melodic gift. Blessedly, these two songs were short.

A dessert tray of four tunes from "Music Man" provided a full-cast finale. Although the rhythm was a little disjointed and the arrangement ragged in spots, it did not diminish the overall success of this fine musical meal.

Mant: Half-man, half-ant all terror

By J.D. WOLVERTON
Staff Writer

In "Matinee," director Joe Dante and writer Charlie Haas have produced a funny, nostalgic tribute to a kind of moviemaking— geared mainly to the Saturday afternoon matinee audience— that has disappeared from screens today.

Producer/director William Castle, who reigned as the king of schlock filmmaking in the early '60s, seems to have been the model for the character of "Matinee's" shameless showman, Lawrence Woolsey. Played with gusto and humor by John Goodman, Woolsey delights in the weird and strange in Saturday horror fare, and puts the full force of his oversize personality into their promotion.

His latest production, "Mant," is about a man who has been bitten by a radioactive ant and, inevitably— as in all such plots (e.g., "The Fly") gradually takes on the appearance and behavior of the insect he has run afoul of. As "Mant's" posters scream, he's "Half-Man...Half-Ant...All Terror!"

But as a capricious fate would have it, Woolsey's about to open his latest opus at the very moment— October, 1962— that the Cuban Missle Crisis is bringing the world to the brink of nuclear incineration. The premiere is set in the local bijou of a small town in Key West, Florida— about 90 miles from Cuba. Most of the pandemonium that follows is the result of this bizarre timing.

Cathy Moriarty is perfectly cast as Ruth, Woolsey's cynical wisecracking girlfriend and leading lady, who dutifully treks around the country with him in the promotion of his pictures. In the movie-within-a-movie, "Mant," she appears as the wife of Bill, the hapless guy who turns into a raging monster after his encounter with the atomic ant.

The filmmakers have done a wonderful job recreating the look of the period; you really feel like you've been transported back to 1962, when Jack Kennedy was in the White House, there were tail fins on cars, and girls teased their hair and wore billowing skirts.

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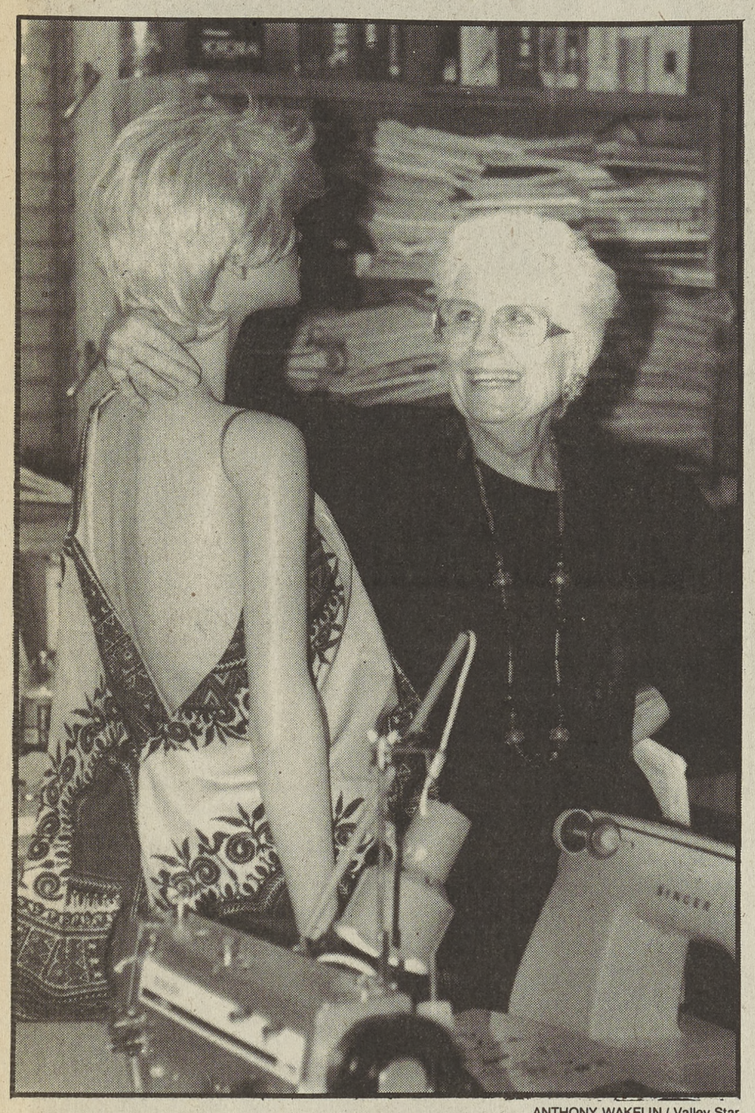


ANTHONY WAKELIN / Valley Star

Between measuring a hem and pinning a skirt, Fashion and Interior Design instructor Doris Davis, doesn't drop a stitch as she admires her newly draped mannequin.

By EVA R. YELLOZ
Staff Writer

Tufts of carpet, folds of fabric, swatches of imported tapestry and bobbins threaded in matching colors can usually be found at a Melrose Place interior design studio or at a Los Angeles Street clothing contractor's shop.

You do not expect to open the door to Room 110 in the Math-Science building at Los Angeles Valley College, and hear a dozen sewing machines humming to the tune of Doris Davis'instruction.

The Department of Family and Consumer Studies at LAVC might as well be called the Department of Fashion, Interior Design, Draping and Pattern-Making. The title would better describe the many fields and professions a student can learn from attending the six courses offered at LAVC.

Certificate holders from the department are award winners and excel in their professions as a direct result of their vocational education through the teachings of Doris Davis, Gertrude Heiman and Joanne Bloomfield.

Future interior designer, Hagit Biran will complete her studies this spring and earn a certificate in Interior Design. Biran is preparing her portfolio to take back to her native Israel, where she wants to design kitchens. She is sure her certificate will enable her to gain employment in the field.

Biran credits her teacher, Doris Davis, for honing her abilities. She says, "She has taught me much, and has a lot of patience. I enjoy her and won't forget her."

Davis, who will take LAVC's fashion show down the runway at the California Mart in Los Angeles on April 24 for the California Community College Fashion Symposium competition, has a background in the industry as wide as a bolt of Chinese silk.

She has been involved in advertising, fashion newspaper and magazine editing, and was a teacher at Beverly Hills High School. Davis worked at a children's summer camp in Switzerland as an arts-and-crafts counselor. From there she went to Paris and interned at the House of Lempereur (a French clothing manufacturer and designer).

There is more than threading a needle taught at Davis' classes.

Future illustrator Cara Trublood never touched a sewing machine before she entered MS110. Now she sits, with pinking shears in hand and cleans the seams of her new navy blue wrap-around skirt.

"She's a great teacher, and gives me a lot of attention," Trublood says of Davis.

Susan Oakes interjects and says, "Doris encourages her students. She goes over everything as many times as her students ask her to. She shows you the proper way."

In recent days, Davis says she was informed that the hourly classes would be cut. "That means evening classes might go."

Begining courses have enrollment of 40 people and advanced classes usually have about 20 students. Davis adds, "Those are the numbers [that will be cut]. We're introducing people to knowledge and whetting their appetite to go further. Then they will have no place to go."

If students of the fashion, clothing and textile curriculum cannot complete their courses at LAVC, they can't get their certificates.

At the other end of the room, Debra Wilson is intensely occupied sewing a mauve colored A-line skirt fashioned from a soft, imitation suede-like fabric.

ANTHONY WAKELIN / Valley Star

Threading the needle to success, future fashion illustrator Cara Trublood sews her first skirt.

Wilson is a former court reporter who left her profession due to a stress syndrome.

Wilson started at the bottom with basic sewing. She says, "Doris teaches us the proper way, without short cuts. I studied sewing at a fabric store and was very unhappy. They didn't teach the foundation."

After surveying her flouncy, mauve skirt, Wilson says, "I get so much pleasure out of creating my own clothes. It's amazing!" Wilson wants to continue in the department and eventually make a career of fashion design.

At the ironing board, second semester student Yvette Rosa presses a strip of black piping. Rosa sells children's wear and would like to design someday. She says, "It's very upsetting that they may take classes away. Education is a basic right. Without it, there'll be a lower quality of life."

Rosa says she plans on continuing her education in Northern California. "I can't afford a private school. It seems that there are more class choices in the other schools' catalogs."

Putting the finishing touches on a pair of black denim shorts, Loreto Meraz says he wants to design women's wear. He wants to go on to learn pattern-making and work in the profession.

He priced the shorts he was about to finish and says, "They cost between $30 and $34 in the store. I made them for $12." Meraz says he'd feel terrible if any of these classes were cut.

Valley astros gaze at stars

By RONIT Le MON
Staff Writer

It is a cold and rainy Sunday night on the Los Angeles Valley College campus. Outside the Planetarium, a man stands with flashlight in hand, lighting the walkway. His name is David Falk, and he is the founder of the LAVC Astronomy Club.

The Planetarium is unlit and the area deserted because of a temporary power outage to that portion of the campus. Falk prepares to move the club meeting elsewhere, and stands in the dark to direct the other members of the club to an open bungalow next door.

The members lament the fact that they cannot show the intended presentation to the rest of the group but, aside from that change in plans, business goes on as usual.

Business has been going on in the Astronomy Club at LAVC since 1986. It was founded by students in the Astronomy 2 class.

"We had some people in the Astro 2 class that wanted to observe beyond class time in 1986. At the same time, Community Services gave up the Planetarium so we took over the shows," says Falk.

Since the founding of the club, the members have hosted a new show at the Planetarium every month, with crowds at times exceeding the room's capacity.

"During the eclipse," says Astronomy Club President Bruce Dale, "We had a line out to the parking lot to view it. Sometimes, for other shows, we have had to give second or third viewings to accommodate the people who wanted to see it."

The shows have not always met with resounding success, however, due to the times that they were shown.

Dale says, "The worst turnout we ever had was zero. It was when the Gulf War started."

The LAVC Astronomy Club is one of the few clubs to give public shows. All the work is done on a volunteer basis by members of the club. This month, they are preparing for a show entitled, "Spring Skies." It will be shown this Friday and will be presented by astronomy club member Colleen Gino. Tickets are $3.50 for adults, $2.50 for Associated Student's Union members and $2 for children 8-16 years of age. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Each presenting member is responsible for every aspect of their show, from sound recording to visual images.

"In our Spring Skies show, we take five prominent constellations and we get characters to talk people through them. We also give a live presentation," says Falk.

Each show is a multi-media presentation that incorporates images, vocal tours and sound effects about its subject. The format includes a question and answer period for the audience and they are encouraged to view the constellations through the LAVC telescope before and after the show.

The Observatory, built in 1970 with Federal funds matching LAVC funds, houses a Celestron 16-inch reflector telescope. The Griffith Observatory in the Hollywood Hills has a refractor telescope that is only 12 inches in diameter. Although Dale does not say that the LAVC telescope is necessarily better than the Griffith one, he does say that it has a larger aperture and that, "Ours is better for deep sky and faint objects."

"For planetary observation and lunar observation especially, the light pollution is not so bad. You'd be surprised in the city, what kind of viewing you can get. The challenge is finding them," says Gino.

The Astronomy Club not only concentrates its efforts on shows for LAVC, it also hosts Star Parties once a month to encourage students to take a look at the sky above them.

The next Star Party will be held Saturday, March 20. Students will meet at the planetarium to caravan up to the observing site in Angeles Crest. The drive takes about 45 minutes. During the summer months, the club drives up to its second viewing site behind Santa Barbara.

The viewing area is located on a helopad and is directly behind a forest station. It is entirely safe, says Dale. "We never have any problems. The area is behind a locked gate," he says.

Members volunteer at Star Parties to help students locate the constellations on the telescopes provided. Student telescopes and binoculars are welcome, but are not necessary.

"There is a lot of hidden interest in astronomy. The largest group we ever had was 45 students. That's why we call it a party," says Dale.

The equipment used at the Star Parties is purchased by the club itself through the revenue it generates by vending at the Riverside Telescope Makers Conference (RTMC) that is held every year on Memorial Day weekend. The members travel up to Big Bear and campout for the weekend viewing, vending and talking to other astronomers.

"We go up every year. People can campout or just drop by for the day. Two to three thousand people visit the site every year. For the past few years we have sold novelty items called "Winkies." They're chips that blink and people put them on their telescope legs to keep others from tripping over them at night," says Dale.

Dale continues, "We have sold out every year. I'd say that we're probably the second richest club on campus, after the pottery club."

The club is contemplating selling posters this year because the Winkies are not being manufactured anymore.

The RTMC is not only a place for vending and viewing, but also a place to buy new astronomy equipment at discount prices. The club goes up to Big Bear annually armed with a wish list. On that list is the equipment that the club would like to purchase at the conference to upgrade the telescopes used at the Star Parties.

"RTMC is also a swap meet where you can pick up equipment real cheap. We make it available to LAVC," says Dale.

This year, the club's list may include an H-Alpha filter, which would make day viewing of stars possible because it blocks out the sun. They are also contemplating buying an automated telescope that would help students locate the constellations. They decided not to buy a computerized finder that would automatically find the constellations through a database because, "finding it is the most fun," says Gino.

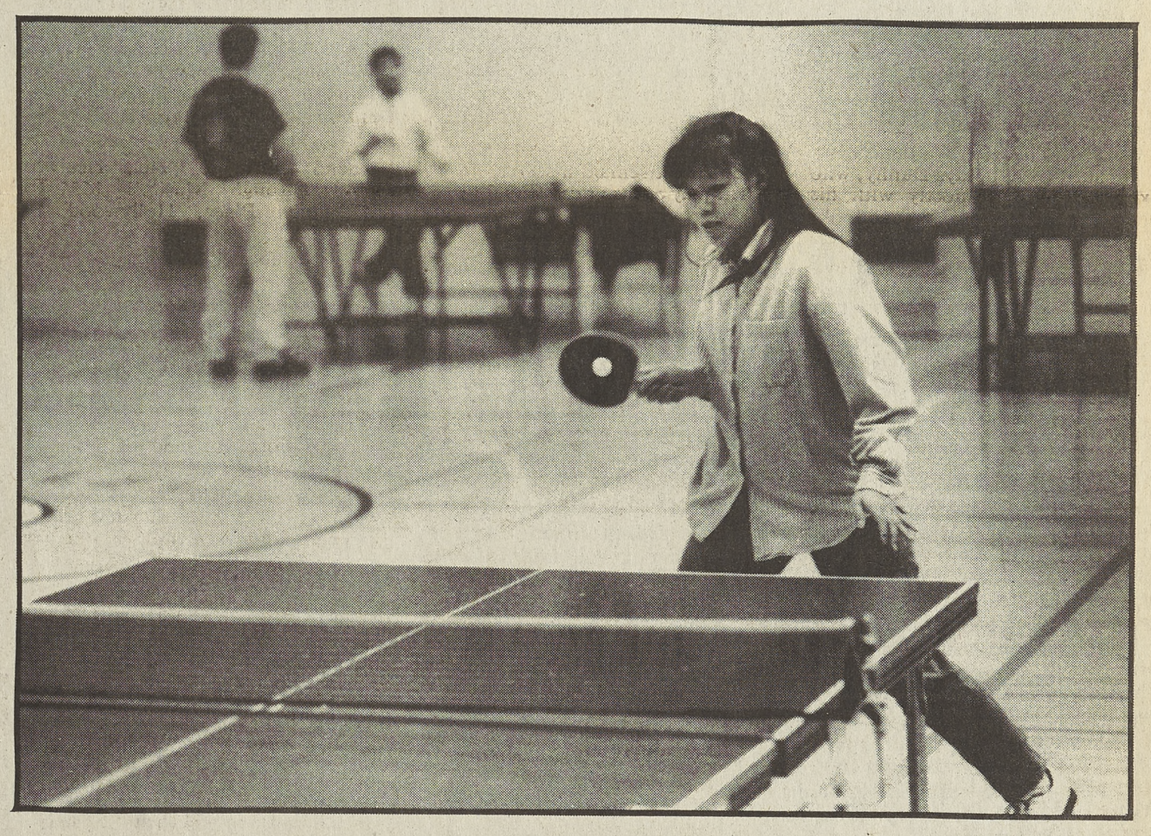
The Astronomy Club holds monthly meetings on the second Sunday, in the Planetarium. The meetings are open to all students and everyone is encouraged to attend. Once every semester, the club procures a speaker from the Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL), a division of NASA, to lecture at the meeting.

"They send us a speaker free once every semester. We also go over there for their Open House." says Dale.

The one area that the club would like to improve is with its membership.

"We only have four or five new members [this semester]. Basically, our members are night students. We have lowered our fees (to $2) and we give each member an Astorama. The membership is free if you belong to ASU," says Dale.

The LAVC Astronomy Club advertises its events in the Los Angeles Times and on flyers posted around campus. For more information on upcoming events please call extension 335.



NANCY VIGRAN / Valley Star

Nursing student Marion Montenegro rallies the ball during the LAVC table tennis class which she is taking for exercise and stress reduction. The class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Table tennis eases diplomatic stress

By NANCY VIGRAN
Editor-in-Chief

Spinners, attackers and defense: are these fouls called on the basketball court? Names of music groups from the '60s? How about terms being bounced around in the women's gym three times a week?

"Table tennis is a very skillful sport," says Professor Karlyne Tan, table tennis instructor at Los Angeles Valley College. "You have to have fast reflexes [to play]." Students develop their own style and learn to develop strategy against different types of players, she says.

Enrollment for the table tennis class averages 30 students a semester and the class may be repeated for a total of four semesters.

Many students like Joe Apresa, an English Major at LAVC, repeat the class for several terms. Apresa says he took the class because he thought it would be fun. The rest of his family followed including his father, mother and two younger brothers.

Although some students enroll having had no prior experience in the field, others have played at home or with friends. Peter Berec, a full-time LAVC student took the class last semester to improve his skill and technique. Now into his second semester, he sports his own paddle and says he has gotten even more out of the class than he expected.

With sweat rolling from his face, LAVC student Michael Judah says he is taking the course because he enjoys playing table tennis and meeting new people. "I want to see where I stand; how good I am." he says.

"It's good exercise and takes out the stress."

Experienced tennis player and nursing student, Marion Montenegro says, "I didn't think I'd sweat [playing table tennis]. It's good exercise and takes out the stress."

Professor Tan agrees, "You can get a good work-out in the game," she says.

"You have to think faster than you do in tennis— a snap of a finger and the ball is gone," Montenegro says.

Class tournaments are held in both singles and doubles play. Table tennis is an international sport and tournaments are organized by the International Table Tennis Federation which was formed in the 1920s in Europe.

Actually, table tennis played a role in diplomatic relations between the United States and China. Dr. Robert Pritchard, professor of History at LAVC says that when cultural relations began being built between the two countries, China invited the American table tennis team to a tournament.

In the same year (1971), Henry Kissinger, then Richard Nixon's national security adviser, went to Beijing to further relax the trade embargo.

The U.S. is not noted as a power in the sport of table tennis according to Tan. Some of the Asian countries take it very seriously, she says, giving the example of Chinese special schools.

On a trip to China, Tan had the opportunity to play a young female student who stood only eye-level to the table. "The only thing she couldn't return was just inside the net— because she couldn't reach." Tan says.

Tall or short, experienced or not, students sharpen reflexes while getting a good work-out in the LAVC table tennis class three times a week.

Sports Calendar

Women's Basketball

2/27	Harbor	away	TBA

Baseball

2/25	Santa Barbara	Here	2 p.m.
2/27	Bakersfield	Here	1 p.m.
3/2	Ventura	Away	2 p.m.
3/4	Pierce	Here	2 p.m.

Track and Field

3/5	Ventura	Away	2 p.m.

Swim team makes a splash

By LUCY THOMAS
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Valley College Men's Swim Team dominated the dual swim meet at Bakersfield City College last Friday. LAVC men won nine out of 11 events.

Wonmeen Jun was a double winner for LAVC, winning the 50 free yard in 22.8 and the 200 backstroke in 2:11.9. Robert Brown won the 200 individual medley (IM) in 2:11.5 and he placed second in the 100 yard free with a time of 51.7.

In a very exciting finish, Danny Hurley won the 1,000 yard free by pulling ahead on the final stroke of his race. Other winners were: Ed Megrabyan in the 200 breast stroke, his time was 2:34.5 and Ryan Barry in the 200 fly in 2:11.5.

Our medley relay team, Wonmeen Jun, Ed Megrabyan, Ryan Barry and Steve Costales won in a time of 3:59.4. The final totals for the men's events were LAVC 66 and Bakersfield 36.

"The Bakersfield women's team was too experienced for our LAVC women this time out. Except for three swimmers, our women's team are all freshmen," said LAVC Coach Bill Krauss.

Luzmilla Ocon had an excellent meet winning the 100 IM in 1:11.1. Ocon also placed second in the 500 freestyle, with a time of 6:19 and second in the 200 IM in 2:33.3

Lacey Weaver placed second in the 50 freestyle in 28.7 and second in the 100 butterfly in 1:10.9. The Bakersfield womens team won the meet 62 to LAVC's 40.

Bakersfield did not have a diving team ready for the meet. The LAVC diving team competed against each other, with Julie Amerongen taking first place in women's one meter and three meter competition and Feliz Baragan taking second place in both.

In the men's diving competition, first place was won by Craig Plost with second place going to Wade Harlan in the one meter event. Scott Swinford took first place in three meter diving with Jesse Ellis finishing second. Gary Honjio, LAVC diving coach has high hopes for his diving team.

Our next meet will be here at LAVC on Friday Feb. 26. against Ventura College. "This should be a very close meet as we are pretty evenly matched." said Krauss.

Baseball beats rain

By ANDREW SAMUELSON
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The Monarchs came back from a 6-2 deficit to defeat Glendale 8-6, behind the hitting of David Stevenson and the relief pitching of Willie Rivera at Los Angeles Valley College, yesterday.

In the sixth inning, Stevenson came to the plate with the bases loaded, two outs and the team trailing, 6-5. After running the count full, Stevenson lined a double into center field which scored all three of his teammates and gave his team the lead.

Glendale benefited from five errors committed early in the game by the Monarchs to build their 6-2 lead. But Glendale's pitchers struggled to throw the ball over the plate, demonstrated by Glendale pitcher Dave Parker who allowed two runs to walk—in during the sixth before delivering the fateful pitch to Stevenson.

Valley coach Chris Johnson, said he was pleased with his team's effort which was important because the team plays away games today and Friday and another game at home on Saturday.

"The one thing were trying to do is to keep battling for nine innings," Johnson said. "Today's game was important because of the weather. We may not be able to play for awhile if the weather man is correct." Coach Johnson said his pitching line-up will not be affected by the scheduling because they carry 13 pitchers and he has plans to use all of them.

The rains last week cancelled the Monarch's games at Oxnard and

Yesterday's win raised the Monarch's record to 3-5 overall and 2-0 in conference games and dropped Glendale's record to 5-3 overall and 1-1 in league competition.

Stephens

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wouldn't have done in the past," noted Coach Jackson, "but there's a point at which you've got to keep the boat afloat."

The players picked up on this "bend but don't break" policy as inconsistent and possibly unfair, depending on who was involved in a given situation. Forward Wayne Carlisle gave an example.

"If Delvin [Williams] or Fred [De La Creda] miss practice, they don't see a lick of action, but if I miss practice, then it's nothing. I still start and play the whole game," said Carlsile.

Coach Jackson pointed out an important aspect which might have limited Stephens' ability to discipline his squad.

"You have to be realistic," said Coach Jackson, "especially at JC. At division one, where you've got them on scholarship, you've got them on campus, and you've basically have them under your thumb, there's a lot you can do. At JC, you know there's some rules you can have, and then sometimes you're going to have to bend, or else you're not going to have no squad."

By the end of the season, Stephens almost didn't have a squad. Of the 15 players listed in the season program, only eight remained for the last game.

Garland Lee was one of the players who left the team in frustration during the course of the season.

"I already know I'm a pretty average player. He wanted me to play his game, and I tried to, but I couldn't do that," said Lee, who attended the last practice.

Player Anthony Jackson couldn't understand the mentality of players who walked off the team. "People don't get playing time, so they want to quit. I wasn't getting any playing time during the season, but I didn't want to quit."

Stephens' lamented the lack of commitment. "Sometimes it scares me when I think about what's going to happen to them. Where's their drive, their stick-to-it-iveness," he said.

Coach Jackson saw lack of experience among the players as a key to their unwilligness to stick with the team.

"I feel winning is an attitude. A lot of the freshmen didn't come from winning programs. They didn't have a chance to go to a playoff. They didn't know what it took," he said.

"Tough people last, tough times don't. They just basically threw in the towel and said, 'we're going to blame it on them,'" he said.

Meanwhile, there was one game left.

The Monarchs came out stone cold against Glendale. Six minutes passed before LAVC scored its first basket to make the score 15 - 2. Stephens sat at the far end of the bench, watching with his chin in one hand. Occasionally he shook his head as his players sputtered to a 19 point half-time deficit.

Stephens still had twenty minutes of basketball to coach.

The Monarchs gained momentum in the second half. After slipping to 23 points behind, they began a slow climb back with a strong defense and a seeming let down by Glendale.

With just under three minutes left, Stephens called a time-out. His team trailed by six points. The improbable became briefly possible. And then it slipped away

A couple of turnovers, a couple of missed baskets, and the Monarchs lost their final game of the season by nine. Perhaps the lack of conditioning which Carlisle had mentioned caused the collapse.

Perhaps.

Stephens congratulated the Glendale coaches and some of their players. As he headed back to the Monarch bench, he reached out to every one of the players he saw.

Shaking hands and saying little, the players' reactions varied as Stephens attempted to communicate this last time with them. Some squared and smiled, looked him in the eye. Others virtually ignored him.

Such was the season for Stephens. Such was the relationship with these players.

In spite of the difficulties, some of this year's players felt a positive impact in their lives from their association with Stephens.

Carlisle felt the impact. "I know last summer," he said, "I was nothing. I was weak. But he taught me. He helped me out. As a coach, he never quit. He helped me bring my total game out from inside myself."

"He taught me a lot of discipline," said freshman Robert McGee. "I see the floor better. He taught me to take my time. I'm happy he gave me the opportunity to play college basketball. It was a learning experience and I'll take what I learned this year into next year. He knows the game. He has almost 600 wins, so he obviously knows something."

Stephens will leave coaching, but his life will be full of other activities.

"I'll be President of the Community College Coaches Association for two years beginning in March," said Stephens. The organization is responsible for the rules of the game and for organizing the annual state-wide tournament.

Stephens also looked forward to the opportunity of spending more time with his family.

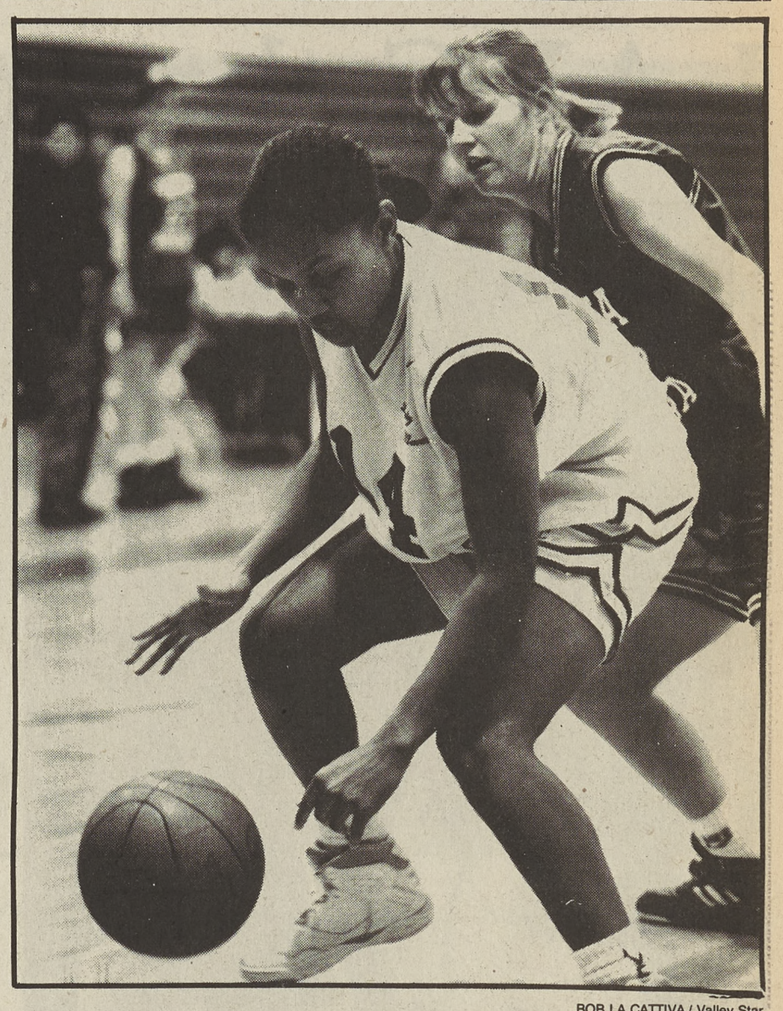
Stephens' departure from basketball will not take him away from the LAVC campus, as he is also an instructor in the math department.

His retirement from coaching basketball is by no means permanent, although he does not think he would return to the college level.

"I'm going to take a year off (from coaching). I won't dare say that I'm finished, because I love the game too much," said Stephens.

Ferrero offered his own insight. "Sometimes," he said, "guys need to get away from the game and get away from recruiting for a while to get a jump start."

All in all, Stephens sees himself as a lucky man. "I enjoyed being with the kids," he said. "That was my goal and that's what I ended up doing."



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Shelise Tillman shields the ball from an unidentified Santa Barbara player as the Lady Monarchs overwhelmed Santa Barbara 80-53 last night.

Ladies win big

By DANA MEADOR
Staff Writer

The third time may be the charm.

In their quest to reach to return to the 1990-1991 glory years, the Lady Monarchs basketball team held off the determined Santa Barbara Vaqueros yesterday at LAVC, winning their first-round Southern Regional playoff game, 80-53.

Although they were defeated both times they reached the final, most recently to Golden West, the fifth-seeded Lady Monarchs played inspired defense which may be the key to a twice-denied championship.

Both teams got off to a slow start, with the score 10-8 in the Lady Monarchs' favor at the 13:17 mark. The Lady Monarchs then ran off a 16-8 scoring burst, but the Vaqueros cut the lead to five with five unanswered points.

The Vaqueros stayed with the Lady Monarchs throughout the rest of the half, and the score was 34-26 in Valley's favor at halftime. This was a good omen for the Lady Monarchs; this season they have won every game when winning at halftime and lost every game in which they have trailed at the same point.

Guard Nicole Baynes opened the scoring for the Lady Monarchs at the beginning of the second half, and the team was off and running.

The most electrifying play of the game came shortly thereafter, as guard Angie Quezada put a 360 move on her opponent and dished the ball off to center Amy Horst for an easy basket.

The Vaqueros never seemed the same after that play, and the Lady Monarchs opened up a 19-point lead, 51-32. From thereon it was simply a matter of maintaining momemtum, which Valley accomplished with ease.

Guard Lillian Stanford put the capper on the game, sinking back-to-back shots at game's end, including a three-pointer as time ran out.

Forward/center Mica Saferite was Santa Barbara's highlight player, scoring 20 points.

Vaquero Head Coach Ellen O'Connor blamed the team's defeat on "giving [Valley] too many second chances. We weren't blocking out at all."

Valley's next opponent will be fourth-seeded L.A. Harbor College this Saturday. Harbor, which beat Bakersfield last night, boasts a formidable 27-3 record, but Horst doesn't feel intimidated, saying "we can't wait to play them."

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